

In The Claims

Amend the claims as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) A right angle type electrical connector comprising:

a housing which extends laterally and includes a fitting part at a front thereof and a mount bottom surface, said fitting part being engageable with a mating connector and said mount bottom surface to be placed on a surface of a circuit board for fixing said housing on said circuit board; and

a plurality of electrical contacts which are aligned laterally and retained in said housing, an end of each contact ~~forming a connecting portion~~ being positioned at said fitting part and to be brought in to contact with a corresponding contact of said matable connector and another end forming a connecting portion being positioned behind said fitting part and to be connected and fixed to a circuit provided on said circuit board;

said fitting part of said right -angle type electrical connector being engageable with said matable connector by mating movement in a front to rear direction that is parallel to said circuit board;

wherein:

said housing includes a foot portion which extends rearward beyond connecting portions of said electrical contacts,

said connecting portions to be connected to said circuit board, and said mount bottom surface extends to a rear end of said foot portion

and wherein said fitting part of said housing has a lower surface and said mount bottom surface of said housing is located at a higher level than said lower surface of said fitting part of said housing, and a step is provided between said lower surface of said fitting part and said mount bottom surface, the housing having a contact- retaining ~~portions within portion with~~ a thick, vertically extending wall in which contact-retaining ~~portion portions~~ said contacts are retained tightly, said step being formed on a bottom of the wall vertically aligned below the contact-retaining ~~portion portions~~

2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)

4 (Previously added) A connector according to claim 1 wherein said contacts are retained tightly in the contact-retaining portion thick wall by press-fitting therein.

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Insert the following new paragraph on Page 10 between lines 13 and 14 (between "...fixed therein" and "The front portions...."):

As shown in Figure 2, the contact- retaining portions are within a thick, vertically extending wall.

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